

TESTIMONY  
BEFORE THE  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 businesses throughout Connecticut and the vast majority of these are small companies employing less than 50 people.

**CBIA supports SB 111** An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the Creation of Governance Structure to Implement E-Government.

CBIA understands the importance of creating a strong e-government system and supports the efforts of the Program Review and Investigations (PRI) Committee. To that end, CBIA supports SB 111, which implements a central tenant of the PRI Committee recommendations by establishing an e-government board.

As stated in the PRI Committee report (Assessment of Connecticut's Implementation of E-Government, dated December 2010) a coordinated collaboration among agencies is key to success. Furthermore, a central body to plan and implement the e-government system is most efficiently achieved with a central governance structure. This group will provide advice, input and direction to support the e-government objectives.

E-Government is important to the Connecticut business community. CBIA supports an environment where government documentation, information and resources are available for review and consumption. An open and accessible government supports compliance and communication. Such an open system also provides an important resource for businesses to better understand the regulatory landscape of their applicable business. Additionally, uncomplicated access to information is a great resource for businesses wanting to learn more about Connecticut or a specific regulatory area or community in the state.

Furthermore, supporting e-government initiatives may produce cost efficiencies in the long term by reducing administrative costs of producing and storing documents as well as making government resources more accessible to a diverse set of interests.

In conclusion, CBIA supports the recommendations of the PRI Committee as contained in SB 111.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer CBIA's comments.

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